

ENGELHARDT IRL F  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ENGELHARDT IRL F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PEABODY ENERGY CORP [BTU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
701 MARKET STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/19/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/19/2005		M		13,000	A	\$ 7.145	310,118	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>		400	D	\$ 83.07	309,718	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>		100	D	\$ 83.05	309,618	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>		300	D	\$ 83.02	309,318	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>		100	D	\$ 83.01	309,218	I <sup>(1)</sup>	By Family Trust

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Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 83	308,918	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	400	D	\$ 82.99	308,518	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 82.96	308,318	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 82.95	308,018	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	800	D	\$ 82.94	307,218	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	1,700	D	\$ 82.84	305,518	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	1,800	D	\$ 82.65	303,718	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	1,200	D	\$ 82.6	302,518	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 82.52	302,218	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	300	D	\$ 82.45	301,918	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	600	D	\$ 82.44	301,318	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	1,300	D	\$ 82.43	300,018	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	500	D	\$ 82.42	299,518	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	100	D	\$ 82.37	299,418	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	200	D	\$ 82.31	299,218	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock	12/19/2005	<u>S(2)</u>	2,100	D	\$ 82.3	297,118	<u>I (1)</u>	By Family Trust
Common Stock						15,626	<u>D (3)</u>	
Common Stock						8,358	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock						2,200	I	By Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.145	12/19/2005		M	13,000	05/22/2001	05/19/2008	Common Stock	13,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ENGELHARDT IRL F 701 MARKET STREET ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-1826	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

Irl F. Engelhardt By: Joseph W. Bean,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 12/21/2005

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan referred to in footnote 2, upon exercise of the options the shares are immediately transferred to a family trust.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a pre-existing Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (3) Includes 2,166 shares acquired under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Does not include an additional 1,136,006 options with different expiration dates and exercise prices.

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